



Town of Tewksbury

MINUTES

Committee: Beautification Committee

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Tewksbury Public Library, Chandler Street, Tewksbury

Members present: Jackie Stone, Paige Impink, Tracy Clement, Doug Sears, Scott Wilson, Matt Ducey (guest)

Members absent: Sandi Wilson, Dan Elliman

The meeting was called to order at: 6:14pm

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Matt Ducey, community member and Eagle Scout candidate, attended the meeting to learn more about our committee as part of a merit badge requirement.

The minutes of the 6.25.14 meeting were unanimously accepted.

The Committee conducted a detailed review of the successful Clean Up Day. Suggestions for fall clean up include more vests and lighter weight cones. Execution was excellent and a model to continue. Place holder dates for fall are September 27 or October 4, and Spring May 16, all pending other activities in the town. More aggressive outreach to groups will be part of the next effort.

A draft letter to local businesses was circulated, with edits offered during the meeting, with the goal of introducing the committee to the business community. Revised letter will be approved at the next meeting.

Adopt an Island guidelines were circulated. These have been review by DPW Director Brian Gilbert with comments. Discussion over fee and responsibility lines ensued. A \$75 fee was proposed which includes a sign and mulch from the town. No agreement was reached on what the sign would look like, if a container for plantings was included, and which islands specifically would be offered. Tracy Clement will be submitting photos of examples in Lowell she thought would be useful.

Monument update-Jackie has pursued many avenues for funding of these memorials. There is no funding from veterans groups or historic commissions. They do not qualify for open space monies. There is a possibility that there is a federal program that would help, and the new Veteran's agent may be able to assist as well. Still pending.

The switchbox art project discussion was tabled, but a member of the Community of Artists will be at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:50pm

Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Tewksbury Public Library, Trustees Room, Tewksbury

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Secretary

Minutes approved by Committee on: _____ 8.20.14 _____

**Documents circulated:

Draft letter to businesses introducing Beautification Committee

Adopt-an-Island draft agreement